

Town of Scituate
Update
August 3, 2020

COVID19: Six (6) new cases in Scituate since last Monday. Two were family members who travelled out of State, one had been at South Shore hospital, and two were a husband and wife. Statewide infection rate has increased to 2.6% (last week was 1.7%). Governor Baker has highlighted concern over growing number of house parties happening without participants wearing masks or practicing social distancing. Please follow guidelines. Also, if you travel outside of New England, you must quarantine for two weeks upon return or have a negative test within 72 hours of returning to Massachusetts.

Friday, August 7th will be a town wide Luminaria in honor of Purple Heart Day. Scituate has been named a Purple Heart town to recognize the service and sacrifice of our veterans. Please support by putting out luminaria and flying an American Flag.

Please remove your kayaks and boats from Museum Beach as soon as possible. The dune grass is being killed and we need to restore it for coastal resiliency.

The Board of Selectmen are exploring new ways to communicate with the town and improve on resident information and public engagement. Stay tuned for some announcements about upcoming plans.

If you have brown water, PLEASE call 781-545-8735 or email brownwater@scituatema.org so that the water department can track and plans ways to correct continued problem areas. Complaints have been up significantly in the last week or so. The Water Department believes that the heat and stagnation of the reservoir has driven up the manganese levels coming into the water treatment plant, contributing to increased discolored water. Use has also crept back up to over 2M gallons per day. People need to take the water ban seriously for quantity and quality. It's easy to see who's not abiding (you have green grass) and you will be fined. Reservoir is at 50% capacity right now.

Begin preparing for high winds in the coming days from the hurricane moving up the coast. Predictions for rainfall are low, but the winds will be whipping.

Library is scheduled to open today with very limited occupancy and senior hours posted on line. No browsing in the stacks, no meeting rooms, or seating indoors will be allowed. Additional outdoor seating is coming this week if you'd like to get materials and sit outside and read or log onto the library's wifi. Curbside pickup will continue as well.

Construction update: Masquashicut Pond berm work has begun. 16-18 trucks of rocks has begun. Bailey's Causeway and Gilson Road culvert work has also started and will continue for 2-3 weeks. Glades Road is now TWO WAY. The stadium athletic field

and the baseball field are OPEN! First official game will be held tomorrow (8/4) night with the Cranberry League taking the baseball field. Other construction continues on the remaining fields; please keep out of the way. All fields should be complete by 9/1.

Scituate High School 2020 graduation was held on the turf field on Saturday morning. Thank you to all the school and town staff who made this possible and best wishes to our graduates.

Thank you for everyone who participated in the draft plan for school reopening. This information was very helpful in preparing the way forward. DESE is reviewing Scituate's submission and revisions, based on public input, are underway. Additional forums and surveys are underway to refine the plan as well. Next school committee meeting is 8/6 at 6pm. The next draft will be presented. Final plan will be announced on August 10th at the 6pm school committee meeting. Copies of the presentation will be posted on the School website after meeting. More detailed information can also be found on the Safe and Strong link on the school website.

Superintendent announced the hiring of a new Special Education Director and School Finance Director, both of whom started work today.

BOS will be meeting tomorrow night (8/4) at 6:30pm.